

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: CON0190

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: A.S. Smith Farm-
Maplewood Farm
2. District or area: Stickney Hill
Agricultural Neighborhood
3. Street and number: 62 Stickney Hill Rd.
4. City or town: Concord
5. County: Merrimack
6. Current owner: William & Marguerite
Bunten

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): residence, haying
8. Historic use(s): farmstead

Architectural Information

9. Style/type: Greek Revival
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1855
13. Source: Research, ext. visual analysis
14. Alterations, with dates: _____
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Exterior Features

16. Foundation: granite block
17. Cladding: clapboard
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: ridge (house & ell)
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: sidehall
24. Windows: 6/6

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Site Features

25. Setting: rural
26. Outbuildings: attached shed, barn, milk
house, garage; equipment shed
27. Landscape features: extensive fields,
fences, stone walls



Description: Farmhouse; milkhouse & garage at far left

35. Photo #1

36. Date Fall 2008

37. Roll #6

Frame #18

Direction: NW

38. Negative stored at: NHDHR28. Acreage: approx. 141 acres (three parcels)29. Tax map/parcel: 98-1-5, 90-2-3, 98-1-930 UTM reference: 19.288400 / 478331031. USGS quadrangle and scale: Concord, 1:24000

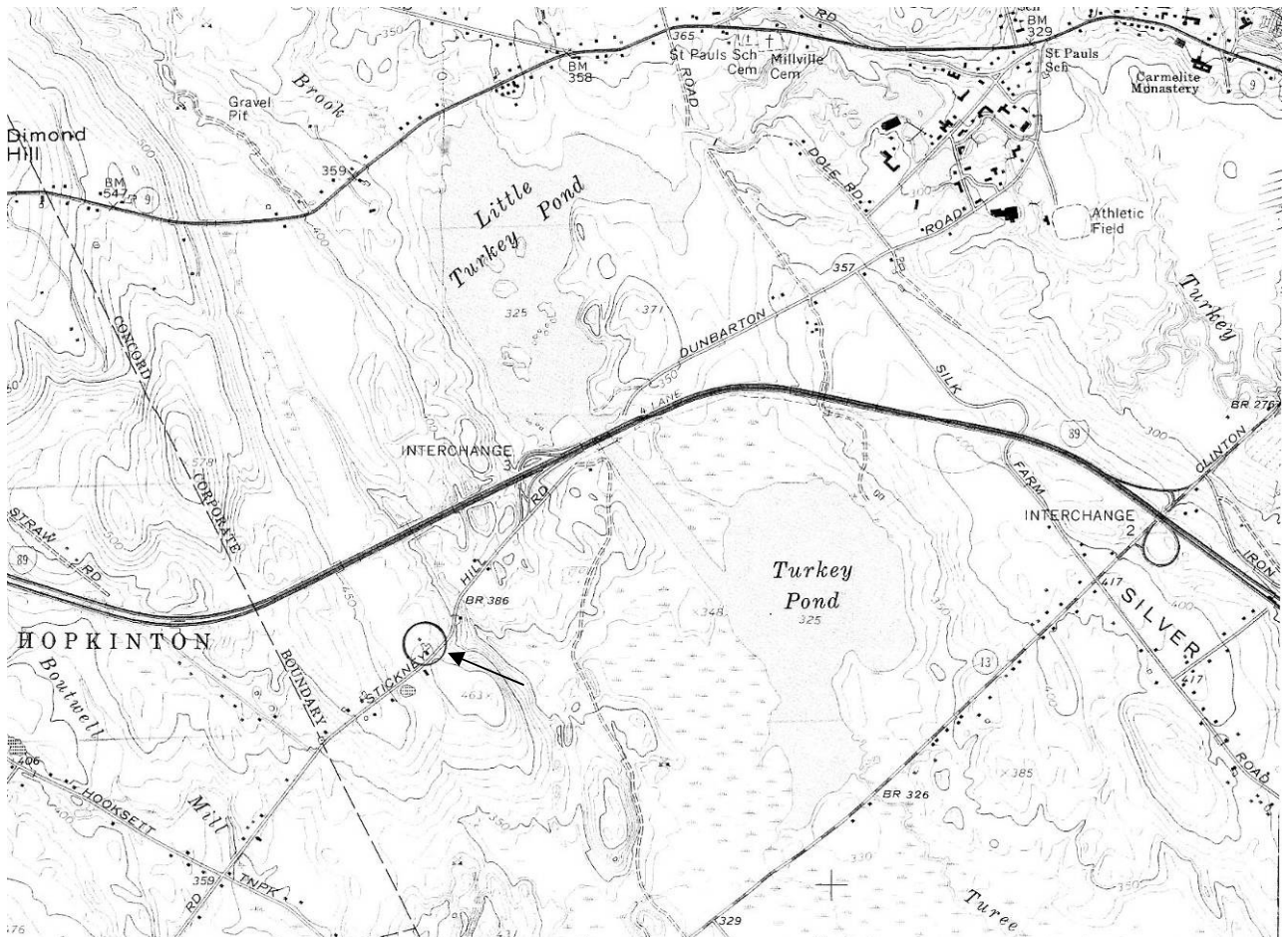
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32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Preservation Consultant33. Organization: for Concord Heritage Commission34. Date of survey: Fall 2008

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39. LOCATION MAP: USGS map, not to scale



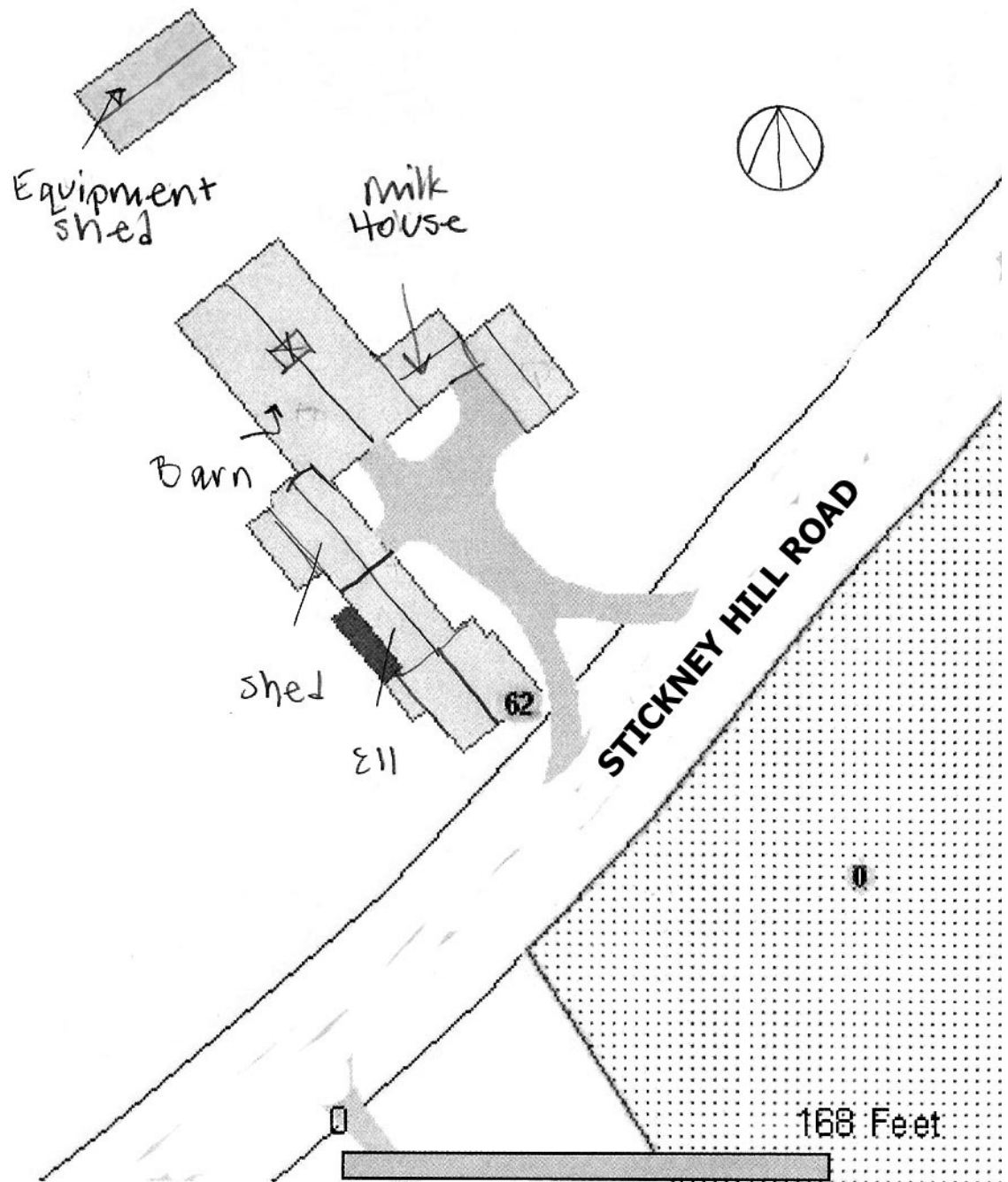
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This form was completed as part of a survey of rural agricultural properties within the City of Concord, a project sponsored by the Heritage Commission. The overall purpose of the project was to raise public awareness of the city's rich agricultural legacy through a combination of identification, education, public policy and preservation planning tools.

Due to limited resources, the survey focused on barns and outbuildings that met all of the following criteria: (1) were sited on at least 10 acres of land; (2) they were located in a fairly rural area and not within the city center or an outlying village; (3) the surrounding land retained historic landscape features, such as open fields, pasture, and stone walls; (4) the outbuildings retained a high level of integrity from their agricultural era. None of the barns on the St. Paul's School campus were included. In addition, a few landmark barns, even if on a small lot, were included. Approximately 45 properties were included in the survey. Whenever possible, an interior inspection of the buildings was undertaken.

The survey was conducted at the reconnaissance-level. Historic background information was acquired from questionnaires sent to each property owner, personal interviews, a review of historic maps, and limited research in local histories. Certainly, additional research data on farms is available from population and, in particular, agricultural census records, and owners are encouraged to pursue those to add to this data base.

When properties were part of a larger, agricultural district, the form locates them as such, and a separate form documenting that historic agricultural neighborhood was prepared.

41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

Maplewood Farm, one of several farms on Stickney Hill Road, was established in the early 19th century, although it is unlikely the existing buildings date from that period. According to Grace Amsden, Capt. John Sherburn first settled here in 1807; the property had been part of Jonathan Stickney's farm, the original farm in the area. The 1858 map shows Sherburn in this location, as well as A.S. Smith immediately to the west. In 1892, only Smith is shown here, suggesting that the existing farm buildings were erected by Smith.¹



62 Stickney Hill Road, photographed mid-20th century. *From Amsden, A Capital for New Hampshire, Chapter 17, opposite page 8.*

In 1922, J. Bunten, who had grown up on nearby Straw Road, purchased the farm. For the next forty years, it was a dairy farm with approximately 35 head. Over the years, he purchased both 69 and 77

¹ Amsden: 17: 8-9; historic maps.

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Stickney Hill Road, retaining the backland to expand his fields, but reselling the houses on substantially reduced lots. He also moved the barn that accompanied #69 across the street to add onto his own. (The date of the barn that accompanied #69 is unknown, but the house was erected in the 1810s.) The property passed to his son and recently deceased current owner, William Bunten, and his wife, Marguerite. (Prior to moving into the farmhouse, they lived a short distance down the hill, in a house J. Bunten built for them.) The younger Buntens continued the milk route which included households on Main Street. Circa 1964 they ceased the dairy operation.²

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

51. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present.

56. Local-scale dairy farming, 1800-present.

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

This farm consists of three large parcels spanning both sides of Stickney Hill Road. The buildings—all connected—and approximately 46 acres of mostly hay fields are on the north side of the road, backing up to Interstate I-89. Beyond the interstate is another 60 acres of woodland. On the south side of the road is approximately 35 acres of hay fields. Stone walls and wood rail fences define property lines and land use.

House (ca. 1855): The farmhouse is a 2 ½ story, gable-front, sidehall structure with rear ell sited close by the road. Walls are clad with clapboard and trimmed with cornerboards, cornice returns and flat casings. Windows have 6/6 sash and louvered blinds. The full sidelights and architrave of the main entrance are Greek Revival stylistically. Along the east elevation, there is a shed-roof porch with scroll brackets that likely dates from the late 19th c. A two-story, five-bay wide ell extends to the rear. (It was originally 1 ½ stories and raised to a full two stories by the Buntens to create an apartment. The historic photograph shows that prior to the alteration it had two gabled dormers on the east slope.) The east (main) entrance of the ell is narrow and features a transom light above—both typical on an early 19th century residence. (A thorough inspection might reveal that the ell pre-dates the house. If so, it may have once been the main house.)

Shed (mid-19th c.): The 1 ½ story shed is attached to the ell in a continuous ridge line. An enclosed, gabled entry portico projects toward the south end. Remaining openings have rolling doors or a mix of sash: 9/6, 6/6 and six-light. A shed-roof extension spans most of the rear (west) elevation.

Barn (mid-19th c.): The barn is attached to the shed, offset to the east. It is a gable-front structure with clapboard siding and metal roof. A square ventilator with a hip roof and 6/6-sash window in each face crowns the ridge. The interior was not available for an inspection beyond the front entrance; only the following could be seen: it has six bays (the north two bays are those that came from across the road and may date from the late 18th c.), a common rafter roof, and scaffold over the main drive floor.

Milk house (mid-20th c.): This is a one-story structure attached to the east side of the barn. A band of 6/6 windows light the front (south) wall. There is a wide vehicular entrance at the east end and a man door in the middle. Like the other farm buildings, it is covered with clapboard siding. (Interior inspection was not available.) Prior to the construction of this building in the mid-20th c., the milk house was in the north end of the shed.

² Marguerite Bunten interview.

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Garage (mid-20th c.): The garage is attached to, and sited at right angles to the milk house, facing west toward the barn yard. It is a side-gabled structure clad with clapboards. Two vehicular doors with overhead doors and a 6/6-sash window puncture the west wall.

Equipment shed (mid-late 20th c.): Sited to the rear of the other buildings, the equipment shed is a side-gabled structure with a metal roof. (On-site inspection was not available)

46. Statement of Integrity:

Maplewood Farm, with its mid-19th century farmhouse, shed and barn, as well as several mid 20th century outbuildings, and expansive agricultural landscape consisting of active hayfields, woodland, rail fences and stone walls, retains a high degree of integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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Interview

Marguerite Bunten, owner, Fall 2008.

Maps, Atlases, Plans and Views

1858 *Map of Merrimack County*. Surveyed by H. E Walling, New York. Published by Smith and Peavey.

1892 *Town and County Atlas of the State of New Hampshire*. Compiled by D. H. Hurd and Co., Boston.

2006 *Aerial Maps*. City of Concord.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

NR eligible: ☐
individual ☐
within district ☐
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☐
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

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Photo 2 description: View of barn yard, showing from left: house, ell, shed, barn, milk house, garage
Roll: 6 Frame: 13 Direction: NW



Photo 3 description: East elevation of house, ell & shed
Roll: 6 Frame: 16 Direction: SW

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Photo 4 description: Front (southeast) elevation of barn and milk house

Roll: 6 Frame: 15 Direction: NW



Photo 5 description: View of hayfields northeast of house

Roll: 6 Frame: 17 Direction: N